

Board of Education
Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Minutes of Special Meeting of The Board of Education
Tuesday, October 21, 2003

1. Call To Order

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 8:55 a.m. by Board President, Nancy Harter.

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

Staff Present: Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
David Hetyonk, Interim Director of Facilities and Operations
Brian Sarvis, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent Elementary/
Research and Technology
Mary Stark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Craig Price, Legal Counsel

2. Public Comments (None)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Board President Harter.

4. Appointment of Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54957.6(a))

Motion:

To appoint Nancy Harter, to serve as the board's designated representative in regard meeting and conferring with the Superintendent regarding possible adjustments to her contract and to receive direction from the board during future board meetings. Moved: Dr. Noel; Seconded: Ruth Green. Vote: Passed unanimously.

5. Special Education Workshop

A. Report By Dr. Jim Tucker

Dr. Jim Tucker, a nationally renowned specialist in the field of special education, presented a report regarding the districts' special education programs.

Board Comments:

Dr. Tucker responded to questions and comments made by the board members and staff.

Public Comment:

Kate Smith, Patty Moore.

Break taken - 11:22 -11:33 a.m.

B. SELPA: History and Current Status – Robert Evans

Mr. Robert Evans, Manager, Focused Monitoring and Technical Assistance,
Special Education Division, California Department of Education

Mr. Evans gave a presentation on various special education issues.

Board Comments:

Mr. Evans responded to questions and comments made by the board members and staff.

Public Comment:

Kate Smith, Joan Esposito, Patty Moore

Lunch Break – 1:00 - 1:25 p.m.

C. A Parent Perspective – Mr. Athan Parnavelas

Mr. Parnavelas commented on the role of SELPA, outlined what he saw as problem areas and provided his recommendations. Mrs. Parnavelas also spoke briefly on some of items he presented.

Mr. Parnavelas responded to questions and comments made by the board members and staff.

Public Comment:

Kate Smith

D. A Legal Perspective – Laura Schulkind, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Special Education: What Local School Boards Should Know*
"A Practical Approach to Special Education Law"*

Ms. Laura Schulkind gave a presentation about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A.) and Section 504 of the Civil Rights Act, a non-discrimination statute.

Ms. Schulkind responded to questions and comments made by the board members and staff.

Public Comment:

Kate Smith

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy Harter, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on November 12, 2003