

Board of Education
Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 16, 2003

A.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 8:30 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: Deborah A. Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent
Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
David Hetynok, 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

A.2 Public Comments (relating to closed session items only)
None

A.3 Closed Session – 8:35 a.m.
Student Discipline (Education Code 48918) *Expulsion Case: Numbers 03/04-14 and 03/04-16 (Santa Barbara High School District).*

Return to Regular Session – 9:00 a.m.

A.4 Pledge of Allegiance
All were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Board President Nancy Harter.

A.5 Receipt of Gifts
Motion: To approve and receive donations to the Santa Barbara School Districts with appreciation.
Moved and seconded. Vote: Passed Unanimously

A.6 Public Comments: Robert Bakhaus.

B. Conference Agenda

B.1 Charter School Board Policy and Administrative Regulations
Public Comments: Tony Fischer

Superintendent Flores introduced the topic and Mr. Paul Minney, legal counsel. Dr. Flores explained that drafts of the board policy and administrative regulations had been presented to the board previously. However, due to recent changes in charter school laws, the policy and regulations needed to be updated.

Mr. Minney reviewed the changes in the two documents and responded to board members questions and comments.

- B.2 Memos of Understandings - Peabody Charter School and Santa Barbara Charter School
Public Comment: Patrick Coady

Dr. Flores also introduced this item, reminding the board and public about the lengthy process that had been involved including detailed and formal negotiations with representatives of the two charter schools over the past year.

Immediately there was some confusion about the documents themselves and it was discovered that the board and public had not been provided the latest documents. A brief break was taken so that Mr. Minney could ensure that the correct documents were distributed. Mr. Minney then reviewed the documents and responded to questions and comments from the board.

Dr. Flores asked Mr. Minney to respond to the concerns that Patrick Coady had expressed to the board about Santa Barbara Charter School. Mr. Minney did so. Board members asked for clarification and additional information.

- B.3 Facilities Use Agreements - Peabody Charter School and Santa Barbara Charter School
Mr. Minney reviewed the two agreements for the board and then responded to questions and comments.
- B.4 History of Real Property Owned by the Districts
Sarah Griffin made a presentation regarding the history of real property owned by the districts. Ms. Griffin is one of the 11 members of the newly formed District Real Property Advisory Committee and is a parent of a Dos Pueblos High student.
- B.5 Santa Barbara High Schools' Performance -- Statewide Comparison
Dr. Robert Noël, board member, gave a brief presentation regarding the academic performance of the three high schools in our district as compared to high schools throughout the state.
- B.6 Proposed FY 2004-2005 Budget Calendar for Santa Barbara School Districts*
This item was continued to the next meeting.
- B.7 Proposal for Consultant Firm to Complete a Business Services Records Retention Project
This item was continued to the next meeting.

C. Action Agenda

- C.1 Appointment of Interim Assistant Principal at La Cumbre Junior High – Patricia Santiago
Motion: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of Patricia Santiago as interim assistant principal at La Cumbre Junior High School with an annual salary of \$78,168.
Moved and seconded: Vote: Passed Unanimously
- C.2 Extension of Contract of Interim Special Education Director
Motion: That the Board of Education approve the extension of Dr. Walter Olsen's contract as Interim Special Education Director with a maximum cost of \$25,000 to be charged to both general funds.
Moved and seconded. Vote: Passed Unanimously
- C.3 Recommendation to Hire an Independent Reviewer
Public Comment: Tony Fischer
Motion: That the Board of Education approve staff's recommendation to hire Mr. Paul Neel with a maximum cost of \$10,000 (\$3,000 elementary district and \$7,000 high school district).
Moved and seconded. Vote: Passed Unanimously

- C.4 Acceptance of Completed Contracts
 Motion: That the Board of Education accept the above referenced completed contract.
 Moved and seconded. Vote: Passed Unanimously
- C.5 Human Services Funding for the Peabody Child Care Center
 Motion: That the Board of Education approve this grant application for human services funding through the City of Santa Barbara.
 Moved and seconded. Vote: Passed Unanimously
- C.6 School Closure – Children’s Centers
 Motion: That the Board of Education adopt resolution 03/04-22, approving the closure of Parma and Santa Barbara High School Early Years Children’s Center for renovation completion.
 Moved and seconded. Vote: Passed Unanimously
- C.7 Resolution No. 03/04-17 Adopting the Projected 2003/04 Gann Limit and Revising the 2002-2003 Gann Limit for Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Resolution No. 03/04-18 – Adopting the Projected 2003/04 Gann Limit and Revising the 2002-2003 Gann Limit for Santa Barbara High School District
 Motion: That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 03/04-17 Santa Barbara Elementary School District 2003/04 Gann Limit
 Moved and seconded. Vote: Passed Unanimously
 Motion: That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 03/04-18 Santa Barbara High School District 2003/04 Gann Limit.
 Moved and seconded. Vote: Passed Unanimously
- C.8 Student Expulsion: Case No. 03/04-14
 Motion: That the Board of Education uphold the findings and recommendations of the administrative hearing panel.
 Moved and Seconded. Vote: Passed Unanimously
- C.9 Warrants
 Motion: That the Board of Education approve the warrant listings, dated December 12, 2003.
 Moved and seconded. Vote: Passed Unanimously

D. Adjournment to Closed Session – 1:30 p.m.

Collective Bargaining (Government Code 3549.1 and 54957.6) Conference with Labor Negotiator, Superintendent and Districts legal counsel: Negotiations with the California School Employees Association, Santa Barbara Teachers Association, Santa Barbara School Administrators Association.

Return to Regular Session – 3:00 p.m.

Announcement of Closed Session Action – None

- E. Adjournment
 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Attest:

 Nancy Harter, President

Adopted by Board of Education
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