

**SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 25, 2004**

Call to Order

The Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts' Board of Education regular meeting was held in the Administration Center Board Room, 720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California, and called to order by Board President, Nancy Harter.

Members Present:

Nancy Harter, President
Robert Noël, Vice President
Lynn Rodriguez, Member
Fred Rifkin, Member

Members Absent:

Annette Cordero, Member

Staff Present

Deborah A. Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent
Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
David Hetyonk, Director of Facilities and Operations
Brian Sarvis, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education/Research and Technology
Mary Stark, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Craig Price, Legal Counsel

Public Comments (relating to closed session items only)

None

Closed Session/Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to discuss the following matters in closed session:

- Liability Claim (*Government Code section 54956.95*)
Claimant: Maryann Cassidy
Agency: Santa Barbara High School District
- Liability Claim (*Government Code section 54956.95*)
Claimant: Lisa Bisquera
Agency: Santa Barbara High School District
- Conference with Labor Negotiator (*Government Code sections 54957.6 and 3549.1*)
Agency Designated Representative: Superintendent Deborah Flores
Employee Organization: Santa Barbara Teachers Association

- Conference with Real Property Negotiator (*Government Code section 54956.8*):
Property: 602 E. Montecito Street, Santa Barbara, California.
Agency Negotiator: Craig Price, legal counsel.
Negotiating Parties: Santa Barbara School Districts and property owner The J. Anthony Wilson Trust by Steve Brown of Radius Group.
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment for possible lease of office building to relocate the districts' administration offices.
- Conference with Real Property Negotiator (*Government Code section 54956.8*):
Property: 819 and 827 Reddick Avenue, Santa Barbara, California.
Agency Negotiator: Craig Price, legal counsel.
Negotiating Parties: Santa Barbara School Districts and property owners Robert Ludwick and Jay Jaeger.
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment for possible lease of office building to relocate the districts' administration offices.
- Student Discipline (*Education Code section 48918*) Expulsion Case: Numbers 03/04-50, 03/04-52, 03/04-53 and 03/04-58 (Santa Barbara High School District).

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Board President Nancy Harter.

Announcement of Closed Session Action

Mrs. Harter reported that the board denied the liability claims of Maryann Cassidy and Lisa Bisquera by a vote of 4-0 with Annette Cordero being absent. Mrs. Harter reported that the board gave direction to its real property negotiator, Craig Price, on both properties listed in the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the May 11, 2004 regular meeting.

Motion by Robert Noël

Second by Fred Rifkin

Vote: 4-0

Receipt of Gifts

Motion: That the Board of Education accept with appreciation the donations to the schools and/or districts as listed in the agenda.

Motion by Fred Rifkin

Second by Lynn Rodriguez

Vote: 4-0

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Deborah Flores, superintendent, introduced two new administrative appointments; Jeffrey Gabrielson, director of special education and Jan Zettel, assistant superintendent of secondary education.
- Mike Couch recognized the district's National Merit Scholars and Scholar Finalists. This year, 39 students earned commended status and 20 students are semifinalists. All 20 of the district's semifinalists moved into the finalist category, and eight of these will receive \$2,500 Scholarships. The following students were recognized:

Dos Pueblos High School:

Sara Bastomski, Daniel Beal, Alexander Campbell, Michael Chung, Alexander Colman, Jedidjah de Vries, Zhiyun Guan, David Pursell, Jared Warner, Lisa Yu, and Karen Zaida.

San Marcos High School:

Benjamin DeArmond, Sasha Hamdani, Sally Johnson, and Katherine Simon.

Santa Barbara High School:

Eric Bank, Zachery Beiley, Nicole Kratz, Portia Lombardo, and Jordan Teti

- Jolene Reed, and Elaine Alvarado recognized employees of 30 and 35 years with service pins. The following employees were recognized:

30 year service pins:

Ann Frye, Teresa Marks, Jacqueline Pruitt, and John Tricarico.

35 year service pins:

Pete Relis, Ronald Liberatore, Tony Hernandez, Jerry Fults, and Doug Bowman.

Student Board Member Report

Natalia Fischer, Dos Pueblos High School, reported on activities at DPHS including the recent prom and the 15 minute program on drinking and driving awareness.

Correspondence

None.

Public Comments

- Andrea Matthews spoke about the upcoming performance of Les Miserables at San Marcos High School.
- Adam Pinterits spoke about City @ Peace and their efforts to get 18 year olds to register to vote..
- Kate Smith spoke about compliance complaint procedure, administrator evaluations in the district and SELPA.

Action Agenda

B.1 Consideration of Additions to the High School District Budget for the 2004-2005 School Year

Dr. Flores reviewed updates and changes to the list of proposed items presented at the last board meeting. Dr. Flores reminded the board that the list contained no amounts for a salary increase, and discussed the reserve amount needed due to upcoming declining enrollment in the secondary district.

Mary Stark talked about the "May Revise"

Board members and the superintendent discussed the proposed additions. Also discussed were the possible use of site funds to fund some of the items on the list.

Public Comments:

- Sarah Griffin
- Dan Choi

The board indicated they would like to see the minimum column from page two of the attachment, incorporated into the proposed budget which will be brought before the board for review.

B.2 Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts Applications to Participate in the Community Based English Tutoring Program for School Year 2004-2005

Mike Couch presented the item. Nancy Harter and Deborah Flores discussed how the positive this program is, particularly the focus on English.

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts applications to participate in the Community Based English Tutoring program for school year 2004-2005.

Motion by Fred Rifkin
Second by Robert Noël
Vote: 4-0

B.3 Proposal to Change Title I School Wide Schools to Targeted Assistance Schools

Dr. Brian Sarvis presented the item. He indicated that six site school councils have requested to change from Title I School Wide Schools to Targeted Assistance Schools. Dr. Sarvis provided an informative presentation on the history and implications of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation. By changing from Title I to Targeted Assistance, Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) will be based on only one subgroup, socioeconomically disadvantaged, rather than on five to fifteen subgroups. This will reduce the number of subgroups that will be required to meet NCLB goals and provide a greater change for the schools to make AYP.

Public Comments:

- Kate Smith

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the change in status for school-wide Title I schools to targeted assistance schools.

Motion by Fred Rifkin
Second by Robert Noël
Vote: 4-0

B.4 Employment of Teachers on Internship, Emergency and Limited Assignment Emergency Permits

Dr. Flores presented the item. She indicated that this is an annual state requirement. Nancy Harter asked for a future discussion or report on the item.

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the issuance of emergency permits and limited assignment emergency permits.

Motion by Lynn Rodriguez
Second by Fred Rifkin
Vote: 4-0

B.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 03/04-40, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Resolution No. 03/04-41, Santa Barbara High School District, Providing for the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and Requesting and Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of 2004-2005 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes of the Santa Barbara Elementary and Santa Barbara High School Districts

Mary Stark presented the item. She explained the need and procedure, used by most districts, to ensure adequate cash flow for district expenses pending receipt of taxes and other funds.

Motion: That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 03/04-40, Santa Barbara Elementary School District, and Resolution No. 03/04-41, Santa Barbara High School District, providing for the borrowing of funds for FY 2004-2005 and requesting and authorizing the issuance and sale of Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes.

Motion by Robert Noël
Second by Lynn Rodriguez

Vote: 4-0

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

Public Comments:

- Sarah Griffin

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

Motion by Fred Rifkin

Second by Lynn Rodriguez

Vote: 4-0

B.7 Student Expulsions (Case numbers 03/04-50, 03/04-52, 03/04-53, and 03/04-58: Santa Barbara High School District)

Case number 03/04-50: Fred Rifkin moved to approve the recommendations and findings of the administrative hearing panel with the exception that the student remain on Home Hospital until the end of the current semester.

Motion by Fred Rifkin

Second by Robert Noël

Vote: 4-0

Case number 03/04-52: Fred Rifkin moved to approve the recommendations and findings of the administrative hearing panel.

Motion by Fred Rifkin

Second by Lynn Rodriguez

Vote: 4-0

Case number 03/04-53: Lynn Rodriguez moved to approve the recommendations and findings of the administrative hearing panel with the exception that the student remain on Home Hospital until the end of the current semester.

Motion by Lynn Rodriguez

Second by Fred Rifkin

Vote: 4-0

Case number 03/04-58: Fred Rifkin moved to approve the recommendations and findings of the administrative hearing panel with the exception that the student remain on Home Hospital until the end of the current semester.

Motion by Fred Rifkin

Second by Robert Noël

Vote: 4-0

Conference Agenda

C.1 Health Insurance Report

Mary Stark introduced the item. Patrick Lowry Vice President, Driver Alliant and broker for the districts' gave a report. He discussed the background and action taken last year by the Health Committee with the health and welfare benefits plan, including the marketing of the plan to achieve reductions in premium increases. Mr. Lowry also discussed the possibility of using Blue Shield for current employees while using Blue Cross for retirees via SISC. Also discussed were possible options for the following year.

C.2 Use of School Facilities, Proposal to Increase Civic Center Fees, Administrative Regulation 1330

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

C.3 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Districts and the California School Employees Association

Dr. Flores presented the item. The tentative agreement is on the agenda for public review. Mary Stark addressed questions on the financial disclosure pages.

C.4 Santa Barbara Teachers Association's Initial Proposal for Negotiations for the 2004-2005 School Year

Dr. Flores presented the item. The district has received the initial proposal and is required to receive it at a public meeting. This requirement is now satisfied and at the June 8, 2004 meeting, a hearing will be held on the initial proposal.

C.5 The Governor's FY 2004-2005 Budget – "May Revise"

Mary Stark presented the item. Her presentation included changes since the Governor's January draft budget, the effects on K-12 funding, and an explanation of the impact on COLA and deficit reduction from fiscal year 03/04 to fiscal year 04/05. Also discussed were other 04-05 funding proposals. Budget workshops are scheduled on June 1, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

C.6 Special Education – 2004-2005 Administrative Structure

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

Public comments:

- Kate Smith

C.7 Textbook Adoption, Instructional Materials (First Reading)

Mike Couch presented the item. Textbooks are available for review in his office. The board asked questions regarding International Baccalaureate, health academy, and mathematics textbooks.

C.8 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems Phase II Storm Water Management Plan

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

Consent Calendar

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the following items as presented:

Motion by Fred Rifkin
Second by Lynn Rodriguez
Vote: 4-0

D.1 Personnel Action Items

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

Vote: 4-0

D.2 Purchase Orders

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the Purchase Order Report for the period May 5, 2004 through May 18, 2004.

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Vote: 4-0

D.3 Warrants

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the warrant listings, dated April 30, 2004 through May 7, 2004.

Vote: 4-0

D.4 Acceptance of Completed Contracts

Motion: That the Board of Education accept the completed contract, as listed in the agenda.

Vote: 4-0

D.5 Labor Compliance Monitoring for Adams Modernization and Electrical Upgrade

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the proposal submitted by The Solis Group to provide labor compliance services for modernization and electrical upgrades at Adams Elementary School. The cost of the services, not to exceed \$18,490 will be funded from Adams Elementary School Measure I-98 and Proposition 47 matching funds.

Vote: 4-0

D.6 Field Restroom Renovation at San Marcos High School

Motion: That the Board of Education approve a contract with Schock Contracting Corporation in the amount of \$208,814 for field restroom renovation at San Marcos High School. Funding for this project will come from San Marcos High School Measure V bond funds.

Vote: 4-0

D.7 Toshiba Large-Volume Copier Replacement

Motion: That the Board of Education approve a new lease replacement of the Toshiba 8070 copier system with a Konica 7156, pursuant to all applicable purchasing guidelines. The lease replacement will yield an \$83.79 per month savings.

Vote: 4-0

D.8 Additional Fundraising Plans for the 2003-2004 School Year

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the additional fundraising plans for 2003-2004 for Santa Barbara High School.

Vote: 4-0

E. Coming Events

Robert Noël reminded the board of the upcoming Les Miserables production at San Marcos High School. Dr. Flores reminded the board of the upcoming budget workshops on June 1, 2004.

F. Board Comments

None.

G. Future Agenda Items

None.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Attest:

Nancy Harter, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education
on _____