

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

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 2005

**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 Lynn Rodriguez.

**Members Present:**

Lynn Rodriguez, President  
Annette Cordero, Vice President  
Nancy Harter, Member  
Laura Malakoff, Member  
Robert Noël, Member

**Members Absent:**

None

**Staff Present:**

Brian Sarvis, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent  
Jan Zettel, Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education  
Robin Sawaske, Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education  
Dave Hetyonk, Director Facilities & Operations  
Mary Stark, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Craig Price, Legal Counsel

**A.2 Public Comments (relating to closed session items only)**

None

**A.3 Closed Session/Adjourn to Closed Session**

**The board adjourned to discuss the following matters in closed session:**

- **Liability Claim:** (Government Code 54956.95)  
Claimant: David Weldon Smith  
Agency Claimed Against: Santa Barbara High School District
- **Conference with Labor Negotiator** (Government Code §54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representative: Board President Lynn Rodriguez  
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent
- **Student Discipline** (Education Code §48918)  
Expulsion Cases: Numbers 04/05-18, 04/05-36, 04/05-48, 04/05-51, and 04/05-53 (Santa Barbara High School District).

Return to Regular Session 7:20 p.m.

**A.4 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cynthia White, Santa Barbara High School.

**A.5 Spanish Translation**

Board President Rodriguez introduced Lucinda Aragon and stated she was available for translation if required.

**A.6 Announcement of Closed Session Action**

Lynn Rodriguez announced the board, in the matter of the liability claim from David Smith, the claim was denied.

Motion by Nancy Harter

Seconded by Annette Cordero

Vote: 5-0

**A.7 Approval of Minutes**

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 12, 2005 and April 22, 2005 meetings.

Motion by Nancy Harter

Seconded by Laura Malakoff

Vote: 5-0

**A.8 Acceptance of Donations**

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

Motion by Nancy Harter

Seconded by Laura Malakoff

Vote: 5-0

**A.10 Introductions, Proclamations, Presentations and Recognitions**

Dr. Sarvis recognized high school students with the highest number of community hours. He presented awards to Coulten Cederloff (DPHS), Sara Marie-Amiri (SMHS), Roxanna Alago (SBHS), Rachael Hemovitz (SBHS) and Alisia Dominguez (SBHS).

Dr. Sarvis presented awards to high school students for National Hispanic Recognition Program. The following students received awards: Karen Glenn (SMHS) and Jonathan Sorgman (SBHS).

Dr. Sarvis presented awards to high school students for National Merit Scholarship Program. The following students received awards: David Levy (DPHS), Katelin Maxwell (DPHS), Amy Seal (DPHS), Lea Silverstein (DPHS), Diane Zida (DPHS), Eli Kupperman (SMHS), Sara Oldacoli-Jones (SMHS), Danny Silverman (SBHS) and Zev Weiss (SBHS).

Ms. Rodriguez thanked the students and teachers for their hard work.

**A.11 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Sarvis announced that in Newsweek Magazine, there is an article about the top 1,000 U.S. schools. Dos Pueblos High School ranked 730 and Santa Barbara High School ranked 954.

Dr. Sarvis announced that graduation ceremonies are coming up. The dates and times are posted on the school district web-site and hand-outs were available at the board meeting.

Dr. Sarvis announced that the Facilities Master Plan Update will be held at three schools. The first meeting will be at Harding Elementary on May 19th, the second meeting will be held at Franklin Elementary on May 23rd and the third meeting will be held at San Marcos High School on May 25th.

Dr. Sarvis announced that there will be a special broadcasting regarding Huel Hausner on the Public Broadcasting System on May 21st.

Dr. Sarvis announced that there will be a Special Board Meeting on May 17th at San Marcos High School to highlight the schools State Distinguished School Award.

Dr. Sarvis announced that the Dos Pueblos High School Prom will be on May 14th, San Marcos Prom will be on May 21st and Santa Barbara High School Prom will be on May 28th.

Dr. Sarvis announced the new high school district Summer School Coordinator is Liz Rocha.

Dr. Sarvis announced that *Fiddler on the Roof* will be showing on May 12 – 14 at San Marcos High School. Information and admission can be found on the school district web-site.

Dr. Sarvis announced that La Colina will be having their spring musical, *Mystery of Edwin Drewed*, on May 12 and 13.  
Dr. Sarvis announced that Roosevelt will be having a spring concert on May 24th.  
Dr. Sarvis announced that Santa Barbara High School will be having a carnival on May 14th.

**A.12 Student Board Member Report**

None

**A.13 Correspondence**

None

**A.14 Board Brief**

Board President Rodriguez announced on the second and fourth Friday of each month, the superintendent provides the board with a report called the Board Brief. This is an informational report about school district matters. A copy of the report is available for the public to read in the reception area of the district office. Anyone who would like a copy of the report should contact the superintendent's office. A list of the topics included in the last Board Brief is attached at the end of the agenda.

**A.15 Board Focus Goals**

Board President Rodriguez announced a copy of the Board Focus Goals is attached at the end of the agenda.

**A.16 Public Comments**

None

**Action Agenda**

**B.1 Approval to Implement Classified Instructional Assistant Layoffs Due to Lack of Categorical Funds in the Santa Barbara Secondary School District for the 2005-06 School Year**

Elaine Alvarado presented the item. The layoff will affect the secondary school district due to lack of categorical funds, and after board action, employees will receive a 45-day notice.

Motion by Nancy Harter

Seconded by Laura Malakoff

Vote: 5-0

**B.2 Confirmation of Resolution Numbers 04/05-21 and 04/05-22 – Decision Regarding Layoffs of Certificated Employees Due to a Reduction of Services and Adoption of Layoff Decisions by Administrative Hearing Judge**

Move to approve layoffs of certificated employees

A mistake was found in the actual findings, item 8, the numbers were reversed. Dr. Sarvis recommended that the board amend the motion to adopt the hearing judge's decision with corrections to page 3, number 8 to reflect the correct number of employees.

Motion by Nancy Harter

Seconded by Annette Cordero

Vote 5-0

**B.3 Approval of Elementary District Library Trainer Position**

Robin Sawaske presented the item. The funding for the Elementary Library Trainer Position will come from Title II. Move to approve the Elementary District Library Trainer Position.

Motion by Annette Cordero

Seconded by Nancy Harter

Vote: 5-0

**B.4 Approval of FY 2004-05 Second Interim Budget Reports for the Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts**

Mary Stark Presented the item. Ms. Stark gave a PowerPoint presentation on an Updated Summary from the April 24th meeting.

Move to approve the 2004-05 Second Interim Budget Reports for the Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Motion by Dr. Noel  
Seconded by Annette Cordero  
Vote: 5-0

**B.5 Approval of Proposal from Hoffman Associates, Inc. for Construction Management Services for the ADA/Transition Project at Dos Pueblos High School**

Dave Hetyonk presented the item. There is a need in Construction Management Department, the Measure V projects far exceeded the demands of the one project manager.

Motion to approve the proposal from Hoffman Associates, Inc. for Construction Management Services for the ADA/Transition Project at Dos Pueblos High School.

Motion by Nancy Harter  
Seconded by Laura Malakoff  
Vote: 5-0

**B.6 Approval of Staff Travel — Out-of-State Travel and/or Expenses in Excess of \$500 dated May 10, 2005**

Motion: To Approve the Staff Out-of-State Travel and/or Expenses in Excess of \$500 dated May 10, 2005

Motion by Nancy Harter  
Seconded by Annette Cordero  
Vote: 5-0

**B.7 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Numbers 04/05-18, 04/05-36, 04/05-48, 04/05-51, and 04/05-53**

Motion: To uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel in the case of 04/05-53.

Motion by Nancy Harter  
Seconded by Laura Malakoff  
Vote: 5-0

Motion: To uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel in the case of 04/05-51.

Motion by Nancy Harter  
Seconded by Dr. Noël  
Vote: 5-0

Motion: To uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel in the case of 04/05-48. Student will remain on Home Studies for the remainder of the year and will attend a different school for the next school year.

Motion by Dr. Noël  
Seconded by Laura Malakoff  
Vote: 5-0

**Conference Agenda**

**C.1 Presentation on the PALMS Program**

Nancy Speer, a parent of the PALMS Program, presented the item. Ms. Speer introduced students from the PALMS Program, who read letters explaining what a difference the PALMS Program has made. The students prepared a display entitled "Iraq War Memorial Project", which contained photographs of each soldier killed in the Iraq War since 2003.

Public Comments:

- Jill Crang – Ms. Crang is in support of the PALMS Program. It allows children to do their best.
- Jennifer Bergquest – Ms. Bergquest is on the Advisory Committee for PALMS. Ms. Bergquest supports the PALMS Program.

- Marc Duhamel – Mr. Duhamel is a parent of one of the PALMS students. He said students can be motivated if they see something that relates to them. PALMS is vital for the school.
- Michele Britton Bass – Ms. Britton Bass is a proud parent and offers applause to all in the room for the presentation and 3 years of hard work and to the board and school district for supporting the PALMS Program.
- Kelso Calderwood – a student at San Marcos, Mr. Calderwood is not currently enrolled in PALMS but was considering it for next year. Mr. Calderwood visits the PALMS room during lunch hour and after school. He said the projects are unique; the students can select the projects.

Ms. Rodriguez thanked Mr. Hughes, teacher at PALMS, for his hard work.

### **C.2 Report on the Results of the Fiscal Accountability Status and Processes Study**

Mary Stark presented the item. Ms. Stark recognized the following Santa Barbara County Education Office employees for their hard work: Gary Pickovett/assistant superintendent, Sharon Vangundy/computer manager, Priscilla Diamond/business advisory services, and Nick Sebastian/information technology service manager, and Elaine Alvarado/classified personnel from the Santa Barbara School Districts.

Fiscal accountability allows us to prepare to draw warrants against the district funds directly from county treasury. The school district is monitored every year by an independent audit firm with reports to the board.

### **D.20 Approval of the Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Contract Agreement for Benefit Performance for Dos Pueblos High School Jazz Choir Group on May 22, 2005**

Move to approve the Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Contract Agreement for the benefit performance for the Dos Pueblos High School Jazz Choir on May 22, 2005.

Motion by Dr. Noël

Seconded by Nancy Harter

Vote: 5-0

### **C.3 Report on County Committee for School District Organization**

Priscilla Diamond, business advisory services from Santa Barbara County Education Office, presented the item. Ms. Diamond's PowerPoint presentation included discussion on the role of a County Committee, who serves on a County Committee, the differences between the transfer and unification processes, and the "Thompson" unifications.

Public Speakers:

- Joe Armendez – Mr. Armendez represents The Citizens For Neighborhood Schools. The Citizens For Neighborhood Schools has gone through a petition process and has provided over 700 signatures to the County Education Office for referral to the Committee for School District Organization.
- Alice Post – Ms. Post said that separating a separate elementary board is the best governing system and the most democratic governing system for the Santa Barbara Elementary School District.
- Sarah Griffin – Ms. Griffin asks the board, "How and where are the Committee meetings noticed"? "How does one know in the community that this group is meeting and who serves on the committee besides Dr. Noël"?

Mr. Price, legal counsel, advised the board that Dr. Noël is not a member of the County Committee; rather, he is a member of the committee, as Ms. Diamond pointed out, which is invested with the responsibility of selecting replacements when there are vacancies on the County Committee. Information about the County Committee can be found on the County Education Office website.

### **C.4 Preview of Facilities Master Plan Community Meeting Presentations**

Pat Saley presented the item and gave an overview of the presentation dates at Harding, Franklin and San Marcos High School. There are ads in the newspapers, flyers, and a call-out to secondary parents as well as posting information on the district website. There will be 11 x 17 sheets available of all the schools that will include pictures of the school, information about how the school was established, school district boundaries and more information. Ms. Cordero requested that the slides be made available in Spanish and to have one of the meetings videotaped so it can be shown on Public Access television for the community that can not come to any of the meetings.

Public Speaker:

- Sarah Griffin – Ms. Griffin told the board to let the people know that focus needs to be the trade-offs and the value judgments.

**C.5 Discussion of Scheduling for Closed Session Expulsion Hearings**

Move to postpone this item to the Consent Agenda at the next board meeting on May 17.

Motion by Nancy Harter

Seconded by Dr. Noël

Vote: 4-1

Ayes: Harter, Malakoff, Noël, Rodriguez

Noes: Cordero

**C.6 Discussion and Selection of Meeting Date for Mutual Expectations Workshop with the Superintendent and Board Members**

Move to postpone this item to the Consent Agenda at the next board meeting on May 17.

Motion by Nancy Harter

Seconded by Dr. Noël

Vote: 4-1

Ayes: Harter, Malakoff, Noël, Rodriguez

Noes: Cordero

**Consent Calendar**

**D.1 Approval of the Contract with Huntington Learning Corporation as a Supplementary Service Provider**

**D.2 Approval of Agreement for Therapy Services Between the Santa Barbara School Districts and Progressus Therapy, Inc.**

**D.3 Approval of Contract Agreement Between Specialized Scales Systems, Inc. and the Santa Barbara School Districts**

**D.4 Approval of Applications for the Santa Barbara School Districts to Participate in the Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program for 2005-06**

**D.5 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action Items Dated May 10, 2005**

**D.6 Adoption of Revised Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing in Order to Comply with Williams Settlement and Emergency CLAD Certification for the 2004-05 School Year**

**D.7 Adoption of Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the 2005-06 School Year**

**D.8 Approval of Commercial Warrant Register Sheets for the Period April 26, 2005 through May 6, 2005**

**D.9 Approval of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Policy Services Transition Agreement**

**D.10 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period April 21, 2005 through May 3, 2005**

**D.11 Declaration of Miscellaneous Equipment as Surplus to the Needs of the Districts\***

**D.12 Approval of Proposal from David Taussig & Associates for Annual and Five Year Developer Fee Reports for the Elementary District and Secondary District**

**D.13 Approval of Architectural Services Proposal from Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects, Inc. for Portable Classrooms for Cesar Chavez Charter School at Franklin Elementary School**

- D.14 Approval of Contract Award to Schock Contracting Corporation for Playground Improvements at Franklin Elementary School Children's Center**
- D.15 Approval of Change Order No. 3 — Double Modular Classroom Upgrades at Peabody Charter School**
- D.16 Approval of Change Order No. 4 — Double Modular Classroom Upgrades at Peabody Charter School**
- D.17 Approval of Change Order No. 5 — Double Modular Classroom Upgrades at Peabody Charter School**
- D.18 Approval of Change Order No. 11 — La Colina Junior High School Modernization**
- D.19 Approval of Additional Fundraising for 2004-05 — La Colina Junior High School and Santa Barbara High School**

Motion: Approval of all items on the Consent Calendar, except for D.1 and D.5.

Motion by Nancy Harter  
Seconded by Laura Malakoff  
Vote: 5-0

**Coming Events**

None

**Board Comments**

None

**Future Agenda Items**

Dr. Noël requested that the transfer process be moved to a future agenda item with no date determined at this time.  
Item D.1 will be moved to the May 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting.  
Item D.5 will be moved to the May 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Attest:

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Lynn Rodriguez, President  
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education  
on June 14, 2005