

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

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 24, 2005

**Call to Order- Meeting convened at 4:30 p.m.**

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  
Robert Noël, Member  
Nancy Harter, Member  
Laura Malakoff, Member

**Members Absent:**

Annette Cordero, Vice President

**Staff Present:**

Brian Sarvis, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Mary T. Stark, Asst. Supt. Business Services  
Jan Zettel, Asst. Supt. Secondary Education  
Robin Sawaske, Asst. Supt. Elementary Education

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 54956.95)  
Claimant: Diega Abrajan  
Agency Claimed Against: Santa Barbara Elementary School District
- Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code §54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representative: Board President Lynn Rodriguez  
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent
- Student Discipline (Education Code §489818)  
Expulsion Cases: Numbers 04/05-21, 04/05-44, 04/05-56, 04/05-61 (Santa Barbara High School District)

**Return to Regular Session at 7:20 p.m.**

**A. 4 Pledge of Allegiance**

Was led by Ms. Cindy Lyon

**A. 5 Spanish Translation**

Ms. Aragon introduced herself and announced she was available for translation if required.

Board President Rodriguez stated the agenda would be taken out of order to accommodate speakers and presentations.

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

Dr. Sarvis introduced Harding Elementary School teachers Liz Peter and Cindy Lyon, and Rebecca Tock, instructional assistant. Ms. Lyon's students performed an Irish dance for the board. Ms. Sawaske presented students Nachito Mendez,

Blair Rodriguez, Emily Gregos, Sarah Ornelas, Christina Benitez and Eduardo Sarabia with certificates. The board thanked the students for their great performance.

Dr. Sarvis introduced Principal Paul Turnbull from Goleta Valley Jr. High School and Mr. Dan Green. He announced that Mr. Green was the recipient of the Japan Fullbright Memorial Fund Teacher Foundation and would be traveling to Japan.

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

Board President Rodriguez announced that the following action was taken during closed session:

Motion: Deny the Abrajan claim against the Santa Barbara Elementary School District

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 3/0

Ayes: 3 (Rodriguez, Harter and Malakoff)

Members absent: 2 (Noël and Cordero)

#### **A.7 Approval of Minutes- April 26, 2005**

Motion: Approve the April 26, 2005 minutes

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 4/0

#### **A.8 Acceptance of Donations**

Motion: Approve the May 24, 2005 donations

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 4/0

#### **A.11 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Sarvis shared various announcements for the board, such as:

- La Cuesta High School student, Miguel Torres wrote an article that was published in the *Santa Barbara News-Press*
- Anti-defamation League Poster Contest- Santa Barbara students won various places
- Facilities Master Plan- Dr. Sarvis updated the board on the process
- Open Alternative Middle School and their environmental fieldtrip

#### **Public comment:**

- Karolyn Renard- La Cuesta Students and Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
- Kate Smith- costs for attorneys and consultants in the district

#### **A. 12 Student Board Member Report**

Amanda Mangaster introduced Sam Talbot, a student from Dos Pueblos High School. Mr. Talbot will be reporting to the board next school year.

Ms. Mangaster announced various events at the different high schools.

#### **A. 13 Correspondence**

None

#### **A. 14 Board Brief**

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

**A. 16 Public Comments**

- Mathew and Norma Darling- money management, student debt and partnership with the district
- Kate Smith- district representation at SELPA meetings

**Action Agenda**

**B.1 Appointment of Adams School Principal**

Dr. Sarvis requested that the board to appoint Mr. Matt Zuchowicz as the new principal at Adams School.

Motion: Appoint Mr. Matt Zuchowicz as the new principal at Adams School

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Noël

Vote: 4/0

**B.2 Second Reading and Approval of the Elementary and Secondary 2005-06 Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Plans**

**Public Comment:**

- Karolyn Renard- special education student financial needs

Ms. Robin Sawaske presented the item. She reviewed the GATE plans for 05-06 with the board.

Motion: Approve the Elementary GATE 2005-06 plan

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Noël

Vote: 4/0

Motion: Approve the Secondary GATE 2005-06 plan

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Noël

Vote: 4/0

**B.3 Second Reading and Approval, New Secondary Courses**

Mr. Zettel presented the item. He shared a list of the new courses and provided descriptions.

Board Member Noël requested the course list format be changed for future meetings, as they are difficult to read and would like to see the Curriculum Council votes added as well.

Board Member Harter requested the radio class be pulled from the list and added to a future meeting with more course content information.

Motion: Approve all new secondary courses, with the exception of the radio class.

Motion by: Board Member Noël

Seconded by: Board Member Harter

Vote: 4/0

**B. 4 Approval of Staff Travel- Out of State Travel and/or Expenses in Excess of \$500, dated May 24, 2005**

Motion: Approve the out of state travel and/or expenses in excess of \$500, dated May 24, 2005

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Noël

Vote: 4/0

**B. 5 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Numbers 04/05-21, 04/05-44, 04/05-66, and 04/05-61**

Motion: In the case of 04/05-61, accept the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel to suspend the expulsion and not allow the student to return to the home school

Motion by: Board Member Noël

Seconded by: Board Member Harter

Vote: 1/3

Ayes: 1 (Noël)

Noes: 3 (Rodriguez, Malakoff, Harter)

Motion Failed

Motion: In the case of 04/05-61, accept the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel to suspend the expulsion and grant the student the option to return to the home school

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 3/1

Ayes: 3 (Rodriguez, Malakoff, Harter)

Noes: 1 (Noël)

Motion: In the case of 04/05-21, accept the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 4/0

Motion: In the case of 04/05-44, accept the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel with the exception that the expulsion be suspended with the stipulation that the student not be allowed to attend the graduation ceremony.

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 3/1

Ayes: 3 (Harter, Rodriguez, Malakoff)

Noes: 1 (Noël)

Board Member Harter requested direction in the case of 04/05-56 from Dr. Sarvis. He suggested the decision be contingent upon the findings of an Individual Education Plan Manifestation Determination meeting. The board agreed and no decision was made.

## **Conference Agenda**

### **C.1 Request to Address the Board**

Ms. Lourdes Uribe spoke about her children, their disabilities, the district's misdiagnosis and the consequences, an unfair education system and discrimination against her son, amongst other things.

#### **Public Comments:**

- Karolyn Renard- the 5-24-05 agenda title for Ms. Uribe's item
- Kate Smith- special education rights

### **C.2 Report on Proposed Transfer of Skyview Property to the Cold Spring School District**

Dr. Sarvis presented the item. The proposal requests that the property be transferred to the Cold Spring School District. The Santa Barbara County Committee on School District Transfers will hold its hearing on 5/31/05 at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Sarvis sought direction from the board, but he recommended that they urge the committee to deny the proposed transfer.

The board discussed the item and inquired about the need to make a motion. Mr. Craig Price, district legal counsel, stated it was appropriate to make a motion and clarified that it was not the district that would decide on the transfer, but rather the above-mentioned committee.

Motion: To reject the proposed transfer of the Skyview Property to the Cold Spring School District.

Motion was withdrawn.

Motion: To authorize the superintendent to indicate the board opposition to the proposed transfer of the Skyview Property to the Cold Spring School District.

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 4/0

#### **15 minute recess**

### **C.3 Annual Report of the Child Nutrition Services Department to Include Site Operations, Suggested Meal Fee Increases, and Projected Fiscal Year 2005-06 Budget**

Ms. Stark presented the item. She reminded the board that at a previous meeting she shared that Ms. Carolyn Larson from Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co. was working with the Food Services Department to bring them into the school district's mainframe. She announced that Ms. Larson has completed her task and has noted that the food services revenues are low. Ms. Stark introduced Mr. Frank Lihn, director of food services, and stated he was sharing with the board a PowerPoint presentation with the proposed changes to their 05-06 budget and increases on lunch prices. Mr. Lihn's presentation included the following:

- Food Services (Child Nutrition Services-CNS) background
- Elementary and secondary food prep sites
- Point of Sale installation
- CNS equipment review
- Purchase of CNS updated equipment
- Proposed fee increases for meals
- Proposed 05-06 CNS budget

Mr. Lihn stated he would present the proposal for fee increases at the next board meeting.

**Public Comments:**

- Kate Smith- Open Alternative School Healthy Lunch Program and Santa Barbara High School's Regional Occupation Program

Board Member Harter requested that items C.6 and C.8 be delayed to the 6/14/05 board meeting. There was no opposition.

**C.5 Presentation of the La Cumbre Junior High School Reorganization Plan-** item was taken out of order Principal JoAnn Caines presented the item. She introduced Mr. Jorge Fulco, assistant principal at La Cumbre Jr. High School, Ms. Ursula Ferrel, librarian, and Ms. Stuster, a parent from La Cumbre Jr. High. Ms. Cain announced that La Cumbre's mission is to return La Cumbre to its rightful status in this community amongst secondary schools and to do so they, staff and parents, had developed a reorganization plan, which includes the following:

- Improve student achievement
- Improve community perception
- Return La Cumbre Feeder Students to La Cumbre

Ms. Caines reviewed the plan with the board. She thanked the board, her staff and administrators for their support. The board discussed the plan, how to reach parents and students and the use of Title 1 monies. Board Member Noël requested clarification on how these monies are being spent and distributed.

Board President Rodriguez reminded the members that it was necessary to take a vote on whether to continue with the meeting after 10:30.

Motion: To continue with the board meeting agenda

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Noël

Vote: 4/0

**Public Comments:**

- Joan Stuster- La Cumbre Jr. High School's history and support from the board
- Kate Smith- Core Knowledge at La Cumbre and the reorganization plan
- Karolyn Renard- mandated homework classes at La Cumbre

Board President Rodriguez thanked Ms. Caines for her hard work and wonderful job.

**Public Comment:**

- Karolyn Renard- item C.6 on tonight's agenda, will it be a public noticed meeting?
- Joan Stuster-equality of electives at junior high schools

**C.4 Update on Projected Impacts of the May Revision of the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Governor's Budget Relating to the Santa Barbara School Districts**

Ms. Stark presented the item. She shared a Power Point Presentation that included:

- Proposed cost of living adjustment

- Proposed impact on California K-12 Grade Education
- Potential loss of funds to the districts
- What to do now?

The board discussed the information presented to them and had questions for Ms. Stark.

**C.6. Discussion of Possible Meeting for Mutual Expectations Workshop with the Superintendent and Board Members and Revision of Board Focus Goals**

Item delayed to 6-14-05

**C.7. Acceptance of the Textbook Adoption for the High School District- First Reading**

Mr. Zettel presented the item. He shared with the board his recommendations on text book adoption, compliance with the Williams Act, and financial consideration. He reminded board members that this was a first reading and that the textbooks are available for review.

**C.8 Report of Junior High Electives**

Item delayed to 6-14-05

**Consent Agenda**

Dr. Sarvis requested that item D.1, Huntington Learning Center, be pulled for a future meeting. Board Member Noël requested that Item D.5 be pulled for board discussion.

- D.1 Approval of the Contract with Huntington Learning Corporation as a Supplementary Service Provider for La Cumbre Junior High School- Delayed to next board meeting**
- D.2 Approval of Contract for Outdoor School with Learning for Life, Corp.**
- D.3 Approval of Renewal of Annual Grant/Contract with the State of California Department of Rehabilitation**
- D.4 Approval of Contract for Service with Ride N’ Care (Mario Cervantes)**
- D.6 Approval of Commercial Warrant Register Sheets for the Period May 6, 2005 through May 20, 2005**
- D.8 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period May 4, 2005 through May 18, 2005**
- D.9 Approval of Right of Entry for the City of Santa Barbara at Santa Barbara Junior High School for the Ortega Park Improvements Project**
- D.10 Approval of Proposal from Matthew G. Bentley for Assistant Inspector Services, American with Disabilities Act Transition Plan, Dos Pueblos High School**
- D.11 Approval of Contract Award to Goleta Electric Company for Electrical Upgrades for Computer Lab Room 17 at La Cumbre Junior High School**
- D.12 Receipt of the Labor Compliance Program Annual Report and Authorize Submittal to the Department of Industrial Relations**
- D.13 Rejection of Bid for the Gym/Pool Renovation Project at San Marcos High School**
- D.14 Acceptance of Completed Contract — Restroom Addition at Franklin Elementary School**
- D.15 Acceptance of Completed Contract — Main Building Sewer Replacement at McKinley Elementary School**
- D.16 Approval of Additional Fundraising for 2004-05: La Cumbre Junior High School, Dos Pueblos High School, and San Marcos High School**

**Public Comments:**

- Kate Smith- item D.1, students need for socially engaged curriculum
- Karolyn Renard- D.1, Huntington Learning Center and special education students
- Kate Smith- D.4, door to door transportation

- Karolyn Renard- D.7, Pat Saley & Assoc and Washington Elementary School

**D.5 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action Items Dated May 24, 2005**

Board Member Noël requested clarification on consent item D.5. Ms. Stark explained that it was the replacement of a current position and has been budgeted for.

Board President Rodriguez noted that due to her professional association with Ms. Saley, she would refrain from voting on item D.7.

Motion: Approve the consent calendar with the exception of items D.1 and D.7

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Noël

Vote: 4/0

**D.7 Approval of Proposal from Pat Saley & Associates to Provide Additional Land Use Planning Assistance**

Motion: Approve the proposal from Pat Saley & Associates to provide additional land use planning assistance

Motion by: Board Member Harter

Seconded by: Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 3/1

Ayes: 3 (Harter, Noël, Malakoff)

Abstention: 1 (Rodriguez)

**E. Coming Events**

- Board President Rodriguez requested a list of the high school award ceremonies so that they may attend
- Special Board Meeting next Tuesday, for closed session item

**F. Board Comments**

None

**G. Future Agenda Items**

- Title 1 allocations

**H. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Attest:

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Lynn Rodriguez, President  
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education  
on June 14, 2005