

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

Minutes of Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2005

Call to Order- Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

The Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts' Board of Education Special 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
Jan Zettel, Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education
Robin Sawaske, Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education
Mary Stark, Assistant Superintendent Business Services
David Hetyonk, Director Facilities & Operations

A.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Was led by Board Member Harter

Ms. Lucinda Aragon introduced herself and stated she was available for interpreting, if necessary.

A.3 Public Comments

Michael Zoradi- elimination of honor classes-- Dr. Sarvis asked that Mr. Zettel contact Mr. Zoradi with information regarding honor classes and college prep classes.
Mr. Hetyonk- announced groundbreaking at Franklin Elementary School on June 14 at 2:00 p.m.

B. Conference Agenda

B.1 Public Workshop on the School Districts' Budget

Ms. Stark presented the item. She began by explaining to the board members that the information being presented was merely informational and was intended to demonstrate how the elementary and secondary budgets are comprised. She reminded the board that the figures shown are not final. Ms. Stark continued her report with a Power Point presentation that included:

- Good news for the 04-05 district budget
- Declining enrollment and transfers to charter schools
- Review of the general fund expenses
- Increase in various program costs
- Projected expenses for the 05-06

The board discussed the information provided to them and had questions for Ms. Stark. She clarified, per board's request, the differences between Basic Aid districts and Revenue Limit districts. Board President Rodriguez asked that the Power Point presentation be added to the district's web page including a glossary. The board continued to discuss the average daily attendance, and incentive programs for good attendance.

Public Comments:

- Sara Griffin- downside of student attendance incentives

Board Member Noël requested a recap report with expenses for various programs (e.g. PALMS, Corrective Reading, International Baccalaureate). He explained he was interested in seeing the cost per student enrolled in the various programs. Ms. Stark stated she could provide the board with a “per fund” report for now and when fully staffed she could work on something more detailed.

C. Action Agenda

C.1 Approval of Proposal for Child Nutritional Services School Meal Price Increase

Mr. Hetyonk presented the item. He reminded the board that an increase in meal prices was discussed at a previous board meeting. He reviewed the proposed increases for the board.

Motion: Approve the proposed Child Nutritional Services school meal price increase

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 4/0

Ayes: Malakoff, Harter, Rodriguez, Noël

Absent: Cordero

The board adjourned for a 10-minute break

D. Conference Agenda (continued)

D.1 Report on Junior High Electives

Mr. Zettel presented the item. He shared with the board a report on the various electives and schedules offered at the different junior high schools. Principals JoAnn Caines, Susan Salcido, Paul Turnbull and David Ortiz were available to answer questions from the board and provide course descriptions. The principals stated they were working together in an effort to provide elective parity throughout the junior high schools. The board discussed the information provided to them. Dr. Sarvis requested from Mr. Zettel a reorganized report of the various electives throughout the junior high schools. The report will be in the Board Brief for the board members’ review. Board Member Harter thanked the principals for communicating amongst themselves and working on elective equality.

Board Member Noël requested an item discussing the lengthening of the school day be added to a future agenda. Nancy Harter suggested that the junior high school electives, the honors program, and the length of the junior high day be brought back for further discussion. The board briefly discussed the item and decided that financial information regarding the cost of a potentially longer school day should be included in a future Board Brief, instead of on a board agenda.

Public Comments:

- Denise Adams- Santa Barbara Junior High School parent, shared her concerns regarding electives
- Jaclyn Kim- La Colina and Peabody parent, need for a 7th period for 8th graders
- Larry Stein- the need of a financial literacy elective course

Board Member Harter requested to see a copy of the final list of electives.

D.2 Report on Recruitment for Santa Barbara High School Principal Vacancy

Dr. Sarvis presented the item. He reported to the board that aggressive recruitment to replace Kris Robertson was in place. The position is being advertised, ACSA has been informed, and phone calls are being made to various contacts. Dr. Sarvis encouraged board members to solicit applicants.

D.3 Discussion of Possible Dates for Brown Act Update- July 2 or July 19

Dr. Sarvis presented the item and stated that Liebert Cassidy Whitmore will provide a 3-hour workshop to review the Brown Act and discuss updates. He noted that the above dates would not work and that new dates needed to be considered. The board members suggested a public workshop, rather than a board meeting or board workshop, and recommended it take place in the fall, in case parents want to attend. Dr. Sarvis will check fall calendar for new dates and get back to them.

E. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Attest:

Lynn Rodriguez, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education
on June 28, 2005