

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

Minutes of Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2005

Call to Order- Meeting convened at 5:00 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
Annette Cordero, Vice President
Robert Noël, Member
Nancy Harter, Member
Laura Malakoff, Member

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

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

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:

- Public Employment (Government Code section 54957)
Title: Director of Special Education
- Student Discipline (Education Code section 48918)
Expulsion Cases: Numbers 04/05-39, 04/05-58, 04/05-66, 04/05-67, 04/05-72, 04/05-79 (Santa Barbara Elementary and High School District).

Return to Regular Session at 7:05 p.m.

Board President Rodriguez announced that Ms. Lucinda Aragon was available for translation and thanked her for volunteering her services. Ms. Aragon introduced herself.

A. 4 Pledge of Allegiance

Was led by Dr. Sarvis

A.5 Public Comments-not relating to agenda

- Ken Loch-art and integration
- Lanny Ebenstein- junior high honors program

Conference Agenda

C.1 Report by Fiscal & Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) Regarding Fiscal Options for the School Districts Including Combined Budgets, Unification, and Separate Boards and Administrations

Dr. Sarvis presented the item. He began by reminding the board that, as a result of their request for advise on the best configuration for the districts, FCMAT was contacted and asked that they look in to the various fiscal options,

including those mentioned above. Dr. Sarvis introduced Mr. Anthony Bridges and Eric Smith from FCMAT and noted that page 3 of the report packet was left out, by mistake, during the copying, but was now available on the back table for the public and in the board's packet. He clarified that the missing page did not change the information in the report. Mr. Bridges and Mr. Smith shared a presentation with the board that included:

- FCMAT- who they are, what they do, background
- Scope of Study- combined budget, impact of unification, impact of two separate governing boards, Basic Aid, real property and redevelopment entitlements
- Combined Budget Findings-advantages and disadvantages
- Unification Findings and recommendations
- Elementary District Basic Aid Findings and recommendations
- Redevelopment Findings and recommendations

Board President Rodriguez thanked them for a precise and straightforward presentation and requested the presentation be placed on the district website for public review.

Public Comment:

- Linda Mitchell/President Santa Barbara Teachers Association- combined district resolution
- Sarah Griffin- presented a number of questions to the board/district regarding the FCMAT report

Board President Rodriguez replied to Ms. Griffin's comment and stated the district was not prepared to answer her questions at this time, but that there would be a number of public hearings concerning this topic. Board members had a number of questions for the FCMAT team. Mr. Bridges and Mr. Smith provided examples of various districts in an effort to respond to their questions. Board Member Noël requested feedback regarding Ms. Griffin's public comment. Mr. Smith stated he would send something to Ms. Stark. The board discussed the importance of public input in their decision-making. Dr. Sarvis stated that tonight's meeting was noticed and that the County Treasurer's Office had been notified. Board President Rodriguez asked that the item be brought to a future agenda as a conference item to report a process to involve the community. The board discussed her request and the process to follow. Dr. Sarvis requested clarification from the board regarding FCMAT's recommendation for a single district resolution. Board President Rodriguez requested he put together a public process to consider a single district resolution to be presented in September. The presentation should be preceded by a public workshop to show the community what direction the district might be taking. All of FCMAT's recommendations will be discussed in this public workshop.

Action Agenda

B.1 Appointment of Director of Special Education

Dr. Sarvis presented the item, stating he was bringing forward a recommendation that Ms. Jo Anne Pulley be appointed as the new director of special education.

Motion: Approve the appointment of Director of Special Education

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 5-0

The board adjourned to a 15 minute break.

B.2 Approval of Issuance of Diplomas to End-of-Year High School Graduates

Motion: Approve the issuance of diplomas to end-of-year high school graduates

Motion by Board Member Noël

Seconded by Board Member Harter

Vote: 5-0

B.3 Board Action of Student Expulsion Case Numbers 04/05-39, 04/05-58, 04/05-66, 04/05-67, 04/05-72, 04/05-79 (Santa Barbara Elementary and High School District).

Board Member Harter noted that the last case on the summary sheet was not 69 but rather 39

Motion: In the case of 04/05-39 move to uphold the expulsion but modify to change the completion date for the end of the summer, contingent upon satisfactory completion of summer school at El Puente School and based on a recommendation

from the director and also to include the hearing panel's recommendation for teen court and to attend a high school other than Santa Barbara High School.

Motion by Board Member Cordero

Seconded by Board Member Noël

Vote: 5-0

Motion: In the case of 04/05-58 move to approve the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Cordero

Vote: 5-0

Motion: In the case of 04/05-72 move to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Cordero

Vote: 5-0

Motion: In the case of 04/05-79 move to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Noël

Vote: 5-0

Motion: In the case of 04/05-66 move to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Noël

Vote: 5-0

Motion: In the case of 04/05-67 move to uphold the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Cordero

Vote: 5-0

C. Conference Agenda

C.2 Presentation of Draft Budget for 2005-06 for the Elementary School District and High School District

Mary Stark presented the item and stated she was bringing both budgets, as recaps, to the board for their review. The reports she presented included the 2003-04 audited numbers, the 2005-06 multi year projections and the 2006-07 multi year projections. She noted that 2006-07 would have to be updated. Ms. Stark presented and reviewed a recap of the various funds, for both elementary and secondary. She stated the budgets would be brought back to the next board meeting, June 28, 2005, for board approval. A board discussion followed Ms. Stark's presentation. The past budget presentation process was discussed and compared to current procedure. Board Member Noël voiced his concern regarding the necessity of agendaizing budget debates, and public forums.

C.3 Report on Districts' Title I School Requesting to Move from Targeted Assistance School (TAS) to Schoolwide Programs (SWP) for 2005-06

Jan Zettel presented the item. He reported there were a number of elementary schools, Adams, Cesar Chavez Charter, Cleveland, Monroe, Santa Barbara Community Academy, McKinley, Harding and Franklin, and two junior highs, La Cumbre and Community Day, that were requesting to be switched from TAS to SWP for the 2005-06 school year. The board and district staff discussed the reasoning for their request and the process to be followed. The item will be brought to the board on June 28, 2005 as an action item.

D. Consent Agenda

D.1 Approval of English Language Acquisition Program Application for Funding, Fiscal Year 2005-06

D.2 Approval of Resubmission of Reading Grant Proposal: Enhancing the Reading Comprehension for Low SES English Language Learner versus English Fluent Latinos in Elementary Schools

Motion: Approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Motion by Board Member Harter
Seconded by Board Member Cordero
Vote: 4-0
Ayes: Harter, Cordero, Malakoff, Rodriguez
Noes: none
Abstention: Noël

E. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Attest:

Lynn Rodriguez, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education
on July 26, 2005