

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

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 28, 2005

**Call to Order- Meeting convened at 5:30 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  
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 Secondary Education  
Mary Stark, Assistant Superintendent Business Services  
Robin Sawaske, Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education  
Dave Hetynok, Director Facilities & Operations

Craig Price, Legal Counsel

**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 sec. 54956.95)  
Claimant: Julie Hernandez  
Agency Claimed Against: Santa Barbara High School District
- Student Discipline (Education Code section 48918)  
Expulsion Cases: Numbers 04/05-57, 04/05-73, 04/05-74, and 04/05-78 (Santa Barbara High School District)

**Return to Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.**

**A. 4 Pledge of Allegiance**

Was led by Sarah Griffin.

**A.5 Spanish Translation/Traduccion en Español**

Board President Rodriguez asked Mina Thorlaksson to introduce herself and stated she was available for translation if required.

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

Board President Rodriguez announced the following from closed session:

Motion: approve the Hernandez Claim settlement for \$272.23

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 5-0

**A.7 Approval of Minutes-June 7, 2005**

Board Member Harter requested it be noted that she suggested, at the June 7, 2005 board meeting that the junior high school electives, the honors program and the length of the junior high day, be brought back for further discussion.

Motion: Approve the June 7, 2005 minutes with the correction noted.

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 5-0

**A.8 Acceptance of Donations**

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

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Malakoff

Vote: 5-0

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

None

**A.11 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Sarvis reported on the following:

- He introduced the new Director of Research and Evaluation, Mr. Davis Hayden
- School Fact Sheets will be available on the district website as of 6-29-05
- Board Member Harter thanked Ms. Barbara Keyani, special projects and communication, for the great work done on the School Fact Sheets

**A.12 Student Board Member Report**

None

**A.13 Correspondence**

Board Member Noël noted he was concerned about the board agenda procedure in regard to allowing board members to add items to the agenda. He wrote to the California First Amendment Coalition (CEFAC). CEFAC responded and he shared their reply with the board members. Legal Counsel Craig Price was asked to clarify the issue.

**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**

- Michael Zoradi- Santa Barbara Junior High School's Program Improvement (PI) status required parent letter to be sent earlier and should have been sent to all feeder schools  
Dr. Sarvis responded to Mr. Zaradi's comment by stating that the district was not informed of the PI status until midyear and that was then that the parents were informed.
- Sarah Griffin- Child Nutrition Services packet sent out to all graduation seniors, waste of district funds
- Denise Adams- as a member of Supporters of Advanced & GATE Education (SAGE) she requested that the board add to a future agenda a discussion regarding electives, policies & practices, length of day, and confidentiality issues. Ms Adams gave as an example of confidentiality concerns the availability of directories in the junior high schools. Board Member Harter stated that the directories are a PTA and not a school function and are based on parental consent. Dr. Sarvis requested that Ms. Adams provide a list with questions and concerns or that she provide contact information so that her concerns could be addressed.

**B.1 Approval of UniDev, LLC to Prepare Phase 1 Feasibility Study for Tatum and Hidden Valley Properties**

Dr. Sarvis introduced the item. He reviewed and reminded the board of information brought to them at previous meetings regarding the above named properties. Dr. Sarvis stated he and his staff were recommending that UniDev, LLC, prepare the feasibility study at a cost of \$150, 000. He then introduced Pat Saley, land use planning consultant for the district. Ms. Saley reviewed for the board how they had reached the above recommendation. She provided details regarding the formation of the Real Property Advisory Committee, their suggestions, the request for proposals (RFP's) for residential development, the responses from various companies that sent in RFPs, and the process and schedule that follows.

The board discussed the above information and had a few questions for district staff. Board President Rodriguez requested confirmation that the cost for the feasibility study was being funded from the general fund and split 50/50 between the two districts. Ms. Stark stated that was correct and explained that some funding would originate due to savings resulting from decrease in consultants that were going to be used during the next school year. She also stated that the project would be given a specific accounting code so that the costs could be tracked for future fund reimbursement.

**Public Comment:**

- Gary Earle/Coalition for Sensible Planning- Informing public of Tatum property development and relationship to need for update of Goleta Valley Plan.

Motion: Approve UniDev, LLC to prepare Phase 1 Feasibility Study for Tatum and Hidden Valley Properties  
Motion by Board Member Noël  
Seconded by Board Member Harter  
Vote: 5-0

**B.2 Required Public Hearing on California School Employees Association's (CSEA) Initial Proposal for Negotiations for 2005-06 and Acceptance of Initial Proposal**

Margaret Saavedra, CSEA president, stated there was no proposal being presented tonight. An intent to begin negotiations was being presented.  
Motion: Accept the intent of CSEA to begin negotiations  
Motion by Board Member Harter  
Seconded by Board Member Cordero  
Vote: 5-0

**B.3 Required Public Hearing on Santa Barbara Teachers Association's (SBTA) Initial Proposal for Negotiations for 2005-06 and Acceptance of Initial Proposal**

Dr. Sarvis stated the above item was also intent, and not an actual proposal.

**Public Comment:**

- Sarah Griffin- availability of SBTA proposal to public for comment

Motion: Accept the intent of SBTA to begin negotiations  
Motion by Board Member Harter  
Seconded by Board Member Cordero  
Vote: 5-0

**B.4 Approval of Changes for Draft School Single Plans for Student Achievement**

Ms. Sawaske presented the item. She shared the changes that will take place for the 2005-06 Single School Plans, which include: training for School Site Councils, professional development, common templates and language, and demographic and budget information. The principals will present the plans to the board by November 2005. Board discussion took place. Board Member Harter requested a report on a future agenda regarding the consistency of training for the School Site Councils.

Motion: Approve the changes for the draft School Single Plans for Student Achievement  
Motion by Board Member Harter  
Seconded by Board Member Cordero

Vote: 5-0

The board adjourned for a break and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

**B.5 Approval of 2005-06 Elementary and High School District Budgets**

Ms. Stark presented the item. She provided the board members and public with copies of the 2005-06 elementary and high school budgets and walked them through the salient points. She reviewed the certification pages, state requirements, budget assumptions, projected enrollment, step and salary increases and state recommended reserves. Ms. Stark introduced Shirley Corpuz, accounting coordinator for the Santa Barbara School Districts, and publicly thanked her and Patty Pimentel for their hard work. A question and answer session followed.

Motion: Approve the 2005-06 elementary and high school district budgets

Motion by Board Member Noël

Seconded by Board Member Cordero

Vote: 5-0

**B.6 Approval of the Elementary and High School Districts Consolidated Application, Part I, 2005-2006**

Mr. Zettel presented the item stating that each year school districts submit a Consolidated Application to the state for the purpose of receiving categorical funding. He explained that the application consists of two parts, the first part being due on June 30, the second in December. Michael Gonzalez, director of categorical & compliance, presented the eight elementary and three junior high schools' request to switch from Targeted Assistance to School Wide. The board discussed the information presented to them. Board Member Noël requested clarification on a couple of items and asked to see the data that persuaded staff to request the switch. No Child Left Behind requirements and monitoring of funds was discussed.

Motion: Approve the elementary and high school districts' Consolidated Application for 2005-06 including all of the schools' request to move from Targeted Assistance to School Wide, premised on there being adequate monitoring and education for all school sites in order to comply with all legal requirement of School Wide programs.

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Cordero

Vote: 4-1

Ayes: Harter, Cordero, Malakoff, Rodriguez

Noes: Noël

**B.7 Approval of Title I Program Improvement Coordinator Position for the Santa Barbara Elementary District**

Ms. Sawaske presented the item. She stated that the position was designed to support the Program Improvement schools, in an effort to help them exit the status. The duties of the position would include, among other things attendance at various council meetings, and the development and implementation of effective school plans.

Motion: Approve the description of the Title I Program Improvement Coordinator position

Motion by Board Member Cordero

Seconded by Board Member Harter

Vote: 5-0

**B.8 Board Action on Student Expulsion Case Numbers 04/05-57, 04/05-73, 04/05-74, and 04/05-78**

Motion: in the case of 04/05-73, 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 04/05-74, approve the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel, which includes a suspended expulsion, attend La Cuesta High School, with a potential return to the home school

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Cordero

Vote: 5-0

Motion: in the case of 04/05-78, approve the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel  
Motion by Board Member Harter  
Seconded by Board Member Cordero  
Vote: 5-0

Expulsion case number 04/05-57 was postponed at the request of the student and family.

The board adjourned for a 10 minute break and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

## **Conference Agenda**

### **C.1 Presentation by Superintendent's Nutrition Advisory Council**

Dr. Sarvis introduced Ms. Ann Patterson, member of the Superintendent's Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC). Ms. Patterson introduced the members of the committee. She intended to share a digital story, but unfortunately the cassette did not work. Ms. Patterson reviewed with the board SNAC's background, its accomplishments and the future of SNAC. She noted that the committee would partner with the district to work on the newly required Wellness Policy. Board President Rodriguez thanked the committee for its hard work.

### **C.2 Discussion of Junior High Honors/College Prep Track Classes**

Mr. Zettel presented the item. He introduced junior high school principals Paul Turnbull, David Ortiz and Susan Salcido. Mr. Turnbull stated that all four junior high principals, including JoAnn Caines, whom he noted was out on vacation, were all in support of the plan being presented at tonight's meeting. He spoke about the plan to modify the tracks and shared a PowerPoint presentation that included:

- The misconception: eliminating at-level classes or eliminating honors
- The schools' responsibility
- Leadership vs. Status Quo and the differences

Mr. Turnbull reviewed each slide with the board, clarifying and answering questions. Mr. Ortiz and Ms. Salcido also addressed the board and reaffirmed their position in pulling together as a team in support of all kids and families.

Lynn Rodriguez requested a motion to continue with the board agenda after 10:30 p.m.

Motion: Proceed with agenda after 10:30 p.m. and delay item C.3 to another agenda

Motion by Board Member Harter

Motion failed

Motion: Proceed with agenda after 10:30 p.m.

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Noël

Vote: 5-0

The board continued their discussion and requested clarification regarding general classes vs. honors and GATE classes, tutorial and interventions, and the proposed college prep classes. Board Member Cordero commended the principals for their hard work on desegregation of the district's schools. Board Member Noël noted that the direction they were proposing to take was a decision that needed to be made by the board and that there was a need for public input.

Public Comment:

- Michael Zoradi- supports maintaining GATE and honors classes, differential education, and challenging students
- Rosanne Crawford- opposes elimination of tracking and honors program, maintain current junior high programs
- Denice Adams- member of SAGE, requested continuation of the honors program
- Theresa Weissglass- building a sense of community in our schools

Board Member Noël handed out copies of his presentation to the board members. He stated he assembled charts with information from the California Standards Exam. Board Member Noël spoke, amongst other things, about the consequences of changing the tracking system, monitoring, mobil tracks and remedial and GATE groups.

Motion: rescind the requested change at the junior high schools and restore the status quo  
Motion by Board Member Noël  
Seconded by Board Member Harter

Craig Price, district legal counsel, advised the board that the item was under the conference agenda and was described as being a report only with no reference to action being taken. He explained that although the board did have the ability to take action on conference agenda items, it should be limited to situations when action is described in the agenda; therefore, he discouraged the board from taking any action. Board Member Cordero stated she agreed with counsel and that there was a need for the full community to be involved.

The board continued with a vote of the above motion:  
Vote: 1 - 4  
Ayes: 1 (Noël)  
Noes: 4 (Cordero, Malakoff, Rodriguez, Harter)  
Motion failed

Board Member Harter suggested the district establish an outreach committee to work with the feeder schools (Hope, Goleta, Cold Spring, and Montecito). The committee would be subject to Brown Act, with a board representative. Board President Rodriguez thanked the parents that were in attendance, commended the principals for their leadership and noted it was necessary to hear from the rest of the community; therefore, the item would be discussed again at the July 12, 2005 regular board meeting.

### **C.3 Report on Proposed Use of High School District Developer Fees and New Construction Eligibility**

Mr. Hetyonk presented the item. He explained that there was developer fee money that needed to be spent in a timely manner. He proposed that the money be spent with new construction eligibility money to build twelve permanent classrooms at San Marcos High School. He stated he would bring forth to the next board meeting a proposal, in the amount of \$12,000, from KBZ Architects to do the pre-design investigation services to determine if the proposed 12 permanent classrooms are reasonable.

Public Comment:

- Sarah Griffin-accurate accounting for Measure V funds, can we afford the proposal?

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Hetyonk noted, under item D.19 Approval of Contract Award for Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Santa Barbara Junior High School, he was recommending the district award the contract to JPL Electric in the amount of \$452,500 and, under item D.23, he was pulling PO#60231 for Guy Smith & Painting for \$9,842.

Public comment:

- Sarah Griffin- questioned Peabody Charter School's budget and repayment of bonds and transportation to the Santa Barbara School Districts

- D.1 Approval to accept \$59,682 Service Contract Renewal with County of Santa Barbara for Healthy Start Family Support Services and Parenting Classes for 2005-06**
- D.2 Approval of Two Contracts Totaling \$286,068 with Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara to Provide Healthy Start/A-OK Family Advocates for Adams, Cleveland, Franklin, Harding, and McKinley Schools and to Serve Healthy Start Summer School and Child Development Programs for 2005-06**
- D.3 Approval of \$85,476 Contract with Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara for the After School Opportunities for Kids (A-OK program) Enrichment Component for 2005-06**
- D.4 Approval of \$121,377 Contract with City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department for the After School Opportunities for Kids (A-OK program) Enrichment Component for 2005-06**
- D.5 Approval of \$56,775 Contract from Santa Barbara County's United Way for 2005-06 to Expand the Summer Pre-Kindergarten Institute**

- D.6 Approval of Renewal of Nonpublic Services Contract for 2005-06 School Year between the District and Dr. Joyce M. Lunt, Licensed Psychologist
- D.7 Approval of Renewal of Nonpublic Service Contract for 2005-2006 School Year with the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)
- D.8 Approval of Recommended Personnel Action Items Dated June 28, 2005
- D.9 Approval of the Peabody Charter School 2005-06 Budget
- D.10 Adoption of Resolution No. 04/05-26, Expenditure Transfer
- D.11 Adoption of Resolution No. 04/05-27, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Resolution No. 04/05-28, Santa Barbara High School District, Appropriating the Ending Balance to a Reserve
- D.12 Adoption of Resolution No. 04/05-29, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Resolution No. 04/05-30, Santa Barbara High School District, Board Delegation of Powers to make Budget Transfers
- D.13 Adoption of Resolution Nos. 04/05-31 and 04/05-32, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District, Board Delegation of Power to Make Fund Transfers
- D.14 Approval of Commercial Warrant Register Sheets for the Period June 10, 2005 through June 24, 2005
- D.15 Approval of Common Remitter Services for Voluntary Payroll Deductions and 457 Plan Deferred Compensation Compliance Offering through High School District Resolution Nos. 04/05-38 and 04/05-39, and Elementary School District Resolution Nos. 04/05-40 and 04/05-41
- D.16 Approval of Change Order No. 1, Monroe Elementary School Site ADA and Parking Lot Improvements
- D.17 Approval of Agreement to Provide School Lunches to the Montecito Union School District
- D.18 Approval of Contract Award to Taft Electric Company for Electrical Service for Two Portable Classrooms for Cesar Chavez Charter School
- D.19 Approval of Contract Award for Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Santa Barbara Junior High School
- D.20 Approval of Change Order No. 5, Dos Pueblos High School Bleacher Addition
- D.21 Approval of Contract Award to Chase Brothers Dairy for Non-commodity Food and Supplies
- D.22 Approval of Contract Award to Jordanos for Non-commodity Food and Supplies
- D.23 Approval of Purchase Order Report for the Period June 8, 2005 through June 21, 2005
- D.24 Approval of Additional Fundraising for 2004-05 and 2005-06 -- San Marcos High School

Motion: Approve all items on the Consent Agenda, with exception of PO#60231 under item D.23

Motion by Board Member Harter

Seconded by Board Member Cordero

Vote: 5-0

**E. Coming Events**

None

**F. Board Comments**

Board President Rodriguez asked that when sending opinion pieces to local newspapers, board members clarify that they are speaking on their own behalf and not on the board's behalf.

**G. Future Agenda Items**

None

**H. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Attest:

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Lynn Rodriguez, President  
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education  
on July 26, 2005